

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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 For : METHOD FOR OPERATING A METERING  
 VALVE AND DEVICE FOR PERFORMING  
 THE METHOD  
 Examiner : Tu Minh Nguyen  
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 Confirmation No. : 8816  
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**RCE AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Pursuant to the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and in  
 response to the Final Office Action of May 25, 2010, (the three- month response date for  
 which has been extended from August 25, 2010 to September 27, 2010 (September 25, 2010  
 falls on a Saturday) by the accompanying transmittal), please reconsider the above-identified  
 application based on the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which  
 begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**The additional claim fee of \$55** for the one (1) net added claim is being paid  
 by credit card. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**,  
 Deposit Account No. **11-0600** for any additional fee(s) and/or underpayments of fee(s) under  
 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, or to credit any overpayments.